

Minutes of the Nov 20, 2008 HP/FH Committee

Attendance

Present:

Ellen Kosmer (EK), Flo Stern (FS), Claude Tellier (CT), Nancy Gregg (NG) Chair
Walter Wolnik (WW), Chris Hoffmann (CH) Recording Secretary, Roy Rosenblatt (RR)
Staff

Absent:

Jean Haggerty (JH)

Others

None

Actions:

Called to order at 9:06am. Minutes of the Oct 3, 2008 meeting approved with revisions.
WW/CH

Defeated 4-2 motion "HP/FH Committee should present the article again as soon as possible". WW/CT

Discussion:

MAHT: Discussed failure of Municipal Affordable Housing Trust article at Town Meeting. We agreed that with proper presentation it has a good chance of passing in a later TM. Areas that clearly need to be addressed are to have a definitive legal opinion as to town liability, and clearing up wording (is manager a voting member? Making sure all clauses make sense).

We discussed when the article should be brought back again. There may be a special town meeting in February. Voted not to rush to get article on that warrant, partly as the main article that meeting may be controversial.

We agreed to research the issues involved, including legal problems, find examples of what other towns have done with a trust, and look for examples of why accumulating funds is useful.

Olympia Drive: RR reports that no RFPs had been turned in yet.

Cinda Jones: Cinda Jones wants to give land to build affordable housing. Since the land is in 61-A, we have the right of first refusal.

Town News: Possible use for CDBG money is to make the Amtrak station accessible. Also, since the town funding for social services is probably going to be drastically reduced or eliminated, CDBG funds may be able to be used to help out.

Tasks:

NG: Assign two towns to each member to investigate MAHT uses

NG: Contact Larry for legal suggestions

All: Think of Q/A to add to flyer

All: Think of CPA projects

Next meeting:

Dec 4, 2008 at 9am, Garrabants Room.

Adjournment

Voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:50am. FS/CT

Submitted By

Chris Hoffmann